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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

14 **CHRISTOPHER A. CARRASCO,**

Petitioner,

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16 v.

17 **ROBERT A. HOREL, Warden,**

18 Respondent.
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C 07-5666 MMC (PR)

**DECLARATION OF
COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO ENLARGE
TIME TO FILE RESPONSE
TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS**

20 I, MICHELE J. SWANSON, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

21 I am a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California and am assigned to
22 represent respondent in this case. Respondent's answer or other responsive pleading is due July
23 10, 2008, pursuant to this Court's April 11, 2008 Order to Show Cause. I am unable to meet this
24 deadline, and request an enlargement of time to file a response to the petition for writ of habeas
25 corpus for the following reasons.

26 I was not the attorney who briefed this case on direct review in state court. Since
27 having this case assigned to me, I have been working on cases with chronological precedence,
28 and in the past 30 days, I have filed reply briefs in *Muhammad v. Adams*, C 07-3627 MMC (PR)

1 and *Parnell v. Evans*, C 05-4324 SBA (pr), and an answer in *Collier v. Hedgpeth*, C 07-5964 SI
2 PR. I have also recently completed the answers in *Wash v. Runnels*, C 04-04207 JW and *Haney*
3 *v. Adams*, C 07-4682 CRB (PR). For these reasons, I am unable to file the response in this case
4 by the current deadline.

5 I have not attempted to contact petitioner about this extension of time because he is an
6 incarcerated state prisoner who is representing himself.

7 Accordingly, I request that the Court grant respondent an extension of 60 days, to and
8 including September 8, 2008, in which to file a response to the petition.

9 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

10 Executed at San Francisco, California, on July 9, 2008.

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12 /s/ Michele J. Swanson
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